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September 24, 2002

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
State of Louisiana  
Post Office Box 44275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Brown-Ozley Sand, Reservoir B, BEAR CREEK  
FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Brown-Ozley Sand, Reservoir B, Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

1. To permit Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its Poole et al. No. 4-D Well as the substitute unit well for BR-OZ RB SUA, said well being located as shown on the attached plat.
2. To confirm Applicant as Operator of BR-OZ RB SUA.
3. To redefine the Brown-Ozley Sand, Reservoir B, as that gas and condensate bearing zone occurring between the depths of 7,588 feet and 7,744 feet (electric log measurements) in the El Paso Production Company--Poole et al. No. 4 Well, located in Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 6 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.
4. To confirm the unit designated BR-OZ RB SUA, created by Office of Conservation Order No. 78-V, effective August 29, 1979, as remaining in full force and effect as to the revised Brown-Ozley, Reservoir B, defined interval.
5. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Brown-Ozley Sand, Reservoir B, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-V, effective August 29, 1979.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during

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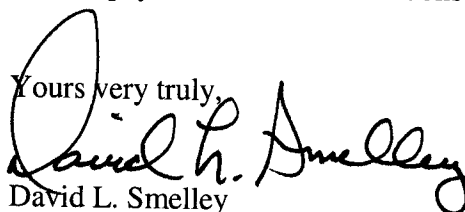
normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated September 13, 2002, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set October 7, 2002, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the unit plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,  
  
David L. Smelley

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Attorney for El Paso Production Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)  
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encls.)  
Mr. Jerry McAnulty (w/encls.)  
Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encls.)  
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)  
Interested Owners, Represented Parties  
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

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AS PER 78 SERIES OF ORDERS
- BROWN-OZLEY SAND, RESERVOIR B  
SAND UNIT A AS PER ORDER NO. 78-V
- UNIT WELL
- △ PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL
- WELLS 6500' OR SHALLOWER  
REMOVED FROM BASE

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO. 02-

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Production

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Houston, TexasBEAR CREEK FIELD  
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANAPROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL PLAT  
BR-OZ RB SU A

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LOUIS GILBERT &amp; ASSOCIATES, INC.